

OPINION 1853

Xerammbates Popov, 1951 (Insecta, Hymenoptera): *Ammobates oxianus* Popov, 1951 designated as the type species

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Xerammbates* Popov, 1951 are hereby set aside and *Ammobates oxianus* Popov, 1951 is designated as the type species.
- (2) The name *Xerammbates* Popov, 1951 (gender: masculine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above *Ammobates oxianus* Popov, 1951, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *oxianus* Popov, 1951, as published in the binomen *Ammobates* (*Xerammbates*) *oxianus* (specific name of the type species of *Xerammbates* Popov, 1951), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2884

An application for the designation of *Ammobates* (*Xerammbates*) *oxianus* Popov, 1951 as the type species of *Xerammbates* Popov, 1951 was received from Dr Donald B. Baker (*University Museum, Oxford, U.K.*) on 11 March 1993. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 52: 157–158 (June 1995). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A comment from Dr Charles D. Michener (*Snow Entomological Museum, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, U.S.A.*), received during the voting period, noted that *Micropasites* Warncke, 1983, which is a junior homonym of *Micropasites* Linsley, 1942 (para. 2 of the application), had been renamed *Ebmeriana* by Pagliano & Scaramozzino (1990; *Memorie della Società Entomologica Italiana*, 68: 5) and that *Ebmeriana* was a potentially valid name for the genus. A reply by the author of the application noted that he was treating *Ebmeriana* (= *Micropasites* Warncke, 1983; type species *Pasites tunensis* Warncke, 1983, i.e. *Ammobates* (*X.*) *minutissimus* Mavromoustakis, 1959) as a junior subjective synonym of *Xerammbates*.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1996 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 52: 158. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1996 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 22: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Corliss, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Trjapitzin

Negative votes — none.

Dupuis abstained.

No vote was received from Halvorsen.

Cogger and Ride were on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

oxianus, *Ammobates* (*Xerammobates*), Popov, 1951, *Trudy Zoologicheskogo Instituta*, 9(3): 917.

Xerammobates Popov, 1951, *Trudy Zoologicheskogo Instituta*, 9(3): 904.